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Woolproducers new President welcomed

The NSW Farmers' Association congratulates Nyngan wool producer and former Wool Committee Chair Don Hamblin on his new role as President of the national woolgrower representative body WoolProducers Australia (WPA).

NSW Farmers' Association President Jock Laurie says Mr Hamblin brings a wealth of experience to the role.

"Don was until recently the Chairman of the Association's Wool Committee, and has served that Committee, the Association and its members very competently and effectively," Mr Laurie said.

"Over the years, Don has shown himself to be passionately interested in the issues facing the wool industry. I know he is deeply interested in ensuring growers receive the maximum return on their levy dollars through the investments of Australian Wool Innovation (AWI), as it takes on the assets of the Woolmark Company," Mr Laurie said.

"We would also like to recognise retiring Woolproducers President, Robert Pietsch, whose four year term has covered some of the big challenges to the wool industry, including the mulesing debate.

"We look forward to continuing our strong relationship with Woolproducers into the future," Mr Laurie concluded.

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Fast fact: Over a 13 year period prices received by Australian farmers increased by 2.3% a year, while costs increased by 4.8%